

*Welcome, April!*



# The Church Mouse



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## Chatting with Charlie – March, 2016

I am writing this on the day after we celebrated Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. As Holy Week progresses we will remember Christ's Last Supper with His Disciples on Maundy Thursday prior to His death on the Cross on Good Friday. And then we will celebrate the most glorious day of the year, Easter Sunday.

The meaning of Easter is twofold. First, Jesus lives; and second, Jesus is Lord. "Jesus lives." He is not simply dead and gone. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, has raised Him to God's right hand and has made Jesus one with God. This meaning is expressed in John's gospel when the risen Jesus appears to Thomas, who exclaims "My Lord and my God!" "Jesus is Lord" is the constant affirmation of the New Testament. God has vindicated Jesus, said "Yes" to Jesus and "No" to the powers that killed him.

Easter celebrates not only the resurrection of one man, but the resurrection of the whole human race. Jesus is the new perfect humanity. By proclaiming his resurrection now, the whole human race is invited to walk in newness of life with him. We can all put our old sinful, selfish humanity behind us and put on Christ's new humanity.

Paul lists its characteristics as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). He echoes Christ's list of poor in spirit, remorseful, humble, hungry and thirsty for justice, merciful, pure in heart, peaceable and willing to suffer for what's right (Mt 5:1-10).

It has been written, "You won't find Jesus in the land of the dead. He is still with us. The powers killed him – but they couldn't stop him. They crucified him and buried him in a rich man's tomb. But imperial execution and a tomb couldn't hold him. He's still loose in the world. He's still out there, still here, still recruiting people to share his passion for the Kingdom of God – a transformed world here and now. It's not over."

Easter is about participating in what we see in Jesus Christ, our living Lord and Savior. May we focus on being His new creations as we seek to obediently glorify God and walk by faith as guided by the Holy Spirit during this Easter season and forevermore. Amen.

Your brother in Christ,  
Charlie

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—March, 2016

- A letter was received from Presbytery regarding 2016 Holy Listening program which will take place in spring or early summer, as it did last year.
- Planning for the parlor upgrade is underway.
- The study on Romans is winding down. All groups should be finished the first part of April.
- There are a couple of Fellowship dates in April that need to be covered.
- We will have a Fellowship potluck in late September to celebrate the Church's 125th anniversary.
- Community of Gratitude is in need of food donations.
- Session will not meet in April.

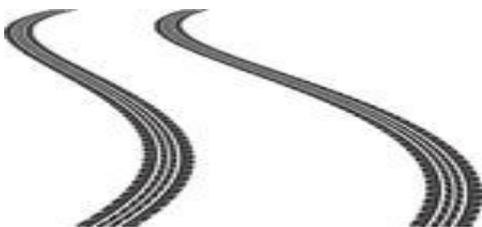
Respectfully submitted by Sue Cordle



### SHOE DRIVE FOR STANTON-WEIRSDALE SCHOOL

We continue collecting new shoes for the Stanton-Weirsdale school children and are looking for all sizes of closed toe shoes, especially adult sizes 6-7.5. Your donations can be put in the basket in the Narthex and should be turned in by May 1st.

### PROTECT OUR SIDE WALKS



A lot of tire marks are being noticed on our sidewalks in the area where we park for Sunday church and other events.

Please remember that these walkways are not built for motor vehicles. Drive around and avoid them as you come and go.



The sewing group that makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops stationed over seas meets in Douglas Hall on the second and fourth Monday each month.

Their next meetings will be April 11th & 25th.

Cutters, sewers and crocheters can all help; your efforts are appreciated.

Diana Harris coordinates sewing sessions at church and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. She can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

## While Pastor Is Away

Pastor Charlie & Elaine will be on vacation from April 17th to the 28th. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact Betty McEuen at 352-245-9412.



## TIME WELL SPENT

*By Orton B. Downer*

If we would ever take the time to look  
A uniform, like a cover, reveals not the book.  
The stripes, or pictures, very often hide  
The beauty and essence of what lies inside.

We need to just "listen" to carefully see  
Deep under the surface of both you and me.  
A loud gruff voice is sometimes a sign  
Of a very kind soul and a temper benign.

So try to be interested and don't ever forget  
What you think you see you very often don't get.  
I'll try hard to see you for just what you are  
And withhold any judgement made from afar.

If you think you see me as shy and reserved  
It could be that label is not justly deserved.  
Take time to "know me" you might even find  
A good sense of humor and very alert mind.

## APRIL WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Head Usher: Starr Patterson  
Liturgist: Pam Roland

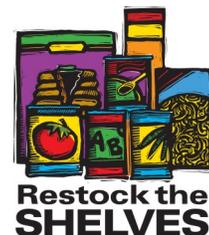
Communion will not be served in April.

## COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE February, 2016

Total Individuals	696
Number of Households	269
Equivalent:	6,264 meals
Children 0-17:	227
Adults over 60	168

The pantry is continuously low on All-in-Ones, pasta and sauce. The items depleted the most are canned meats, vegetables, All-in-Ones and soups. Also, don't forget the peanut butter, jelly, cereals and the pet food!

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Please keep our church and its membership in your prayers!

Special prayers for: Colby Emidy (the Morris's grandson), Darlene (JB Belz's daughter), and Fran Knoizen and Betts Mengel who are both rehabbing at The Club.

For prayer requests, contact the following:

Ann Myers 352-653-3319

Marlys Forbrook 352-430-1727



## PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request, please call **Ann Myers** at 352-653-3319 or **Marlys Forbrook** at 352-430-1727.

Also, if you would be interested in helping on the prayer chain, call either Ann or Marlys and let them know.



We are sorry to announce that Gene Pratt has gone home this month to be with the Lord. Please keep his family in your prayers.



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

Robert & Maisie Lipsner  
Brookdale Leesburg Assisted Living  
700 S. Lake Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748

## GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The forms for **Altar Flowers** are in the Narthex. If you are so moved to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday service, please fill out a form and return it to the office or put in the collection plate on Sundays. The flowers are only \$25.00 and add to the beauty of the sanctuary and service.
2. The **Love INC** gas cans are always conveniently located in the Narthex and Douglas Hall so you can drop your change in them as you are coming or going. The little amounts that you leave make such a big difference to those in need of your help.
3. The first Sunday of each month is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Please put your items in Douglas Hall in the designated area. They are always in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, applesauce and personal toiletries.

## **From the 2016 Nominating Committee**

Please complete the following information to submit names of those active members who you feel are qualified to serve on the Session and the Board of Deacons. If you wish, you are encouraged to submit your own name. In addition, please feel free to make any comments that you believe the Nominating Committee should consider.

Please mail, drop off at the Church office, or put the completed form in the collection plate.

Session Elder: Elders are concerned with the governing body of the church and its spiritual life.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Deacon: Deacons serve the human needs of the congregation and community.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your concern and response,  
Sue Cordle on behalf of the 2016 Nominating Committee

# April 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Food Pantry Sunday Romans Life Study, Wom/Men Grps, 8:55AM Worship, 10:30AM Shoe Drive continues		TTO 11:30AM	Choir 4:30PM BSA 7:30PM	Wom. Bible Study, 10AM Romans Life Study, Men's 5:30PM		DEACONS Meet, 9AM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship, 10:30AM Romans Life Study Women's, 8:55AM Shoe Drive continues Eagle Scout Court of Honor Nelson Hernandez, 3PM	Op. Shoebox Grp, 9AM	TTO 11:30AM	Choir 4:30PM BSA 7:30PM	Wom. Bible Study, 10AM Romans Life Study, Men's 5:30PM		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship, 10:30AM Shoe Drive continues		TTO 11:30AM	Choir 4:30PM Sr. Singles, TBA, 5PM BSA 7:30PM	Wom. Bible Study, 10AM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship, 10:30AM POTLUCK Fellowship, 11:30AM Shoe Drive continues	Op. Shoebox Grp, 9AM	TTO 11:30AM	Choir 4:30PM BSA 7:30PM	Wom. Bible Study, 10AM		Boy Scout Carwash 9AM-Noon

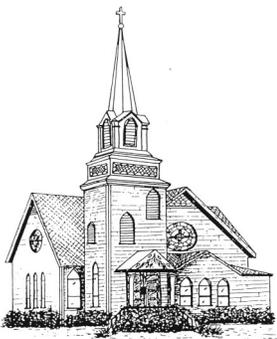
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**Our Mission:  
Bring People to Christ  
Develop our Discipleship**



## **Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

**Fellowship: 11:30 AM**

### **Study Groups:**

**Sundays 8:55 AM Men's & Women's: Church**

**Thursday's Men's 5:30 PM: Douglas Hall**